

Project Update: September 2016

Extending the Wildlife conservation approach in Kargil, Ladakh Trans-Himalaya, through Education, Awareness Programmes and PRA Techniques

The project is progressing smoothly and within the schedule timetable and plan. The objectives and targets achieved till September 2016:

Information on CARNIVORE – HUMAN CONFLICTS in Kargil

Information was gathered through questionnaire surveys from 17 villages across the district.

A proposal has been submitted to the Chief Executive Councilor, LAHDC, Kargil for distribution of coral proof pen to seven village committees in collaboration with the Rufford Foundation, where higher rate of loss of livestock were reported.

Formation of Wildlife – Nature - Clubs (WNCs) by using Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) Techniques

Wildlife Nature Clubs (WNCs) were formed in different part of the district with an aim “The future of Wildlife is in our hand”, which is also the motto for Wildlife Week 2016. The main objective of the WNCs would be to check any illegal wildlife activities in their respective zone and report it to the Wildlife Protection Department of Kargil.

- WNC Kargil – (President – Mohd. Abbas) WNC Chiktan – (President – Liyaqat Ali) WNC Drass – (President – Mohd. Aslam)
- WNC Wakha-Shargole – (President – Padma Angmo) WNC Sankoo – (President- Hassan Nasrullah)
- WNC Zanskar – (President – Stanzin Norboo)
- WNC Batalik (Indus Valley) – (President – Skarma Angdus)

Education Outreach –

So far, 17 schools in the region have been covered under this objective and eight schools will be covered in October 2016.

Targets yet to achieve

1. Preparation and distribution of A Handbook on Wildlife Conservation (scheduled in the coming month).
2. District level workshop cum awareness programme (scheduled in October 2016).

The Project in Images



IMAGE A – Top to Bottom: A sad and adverse result of a Brown Bear – Human conflict in Kargil, March 2016. People attacking a Brown bear, Crowd gathering is a major problem faced during such conflicts.



IMAGE B) During Conflict surveys and discussing the major problems and losses faced by the local people by Wild Carnivores.



IMAGE C) Local cattle sheds in Kargil. Open and less protected sheds are the main reason for easy entry and escape for large carnivores.



IMAGE D) School outreach Program, aimed at educating students about wildlife conservation and basic knowledge on importance of wildlife.



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